

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Rick Laible, on February 16, 2009 at 3:12 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Rick Laible, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Gary Branae (D)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Sen. Dan McGee (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Taylor Brown (R)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch  
Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 450, 2/12/2009; SJ 25, 2/12/2009  
SJ 12, 2/12/2009

Executive Action: None.

**HEARING ON SB 450**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:22 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 450, DUI surcharge to fund scholarship.

00:02:49 Sen. Hawks entered the hearing.

00:03:38 Sen. Zinke entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:13 Nick Scott, student at Butte High School

00:05:49 Sen. Brown entered the hearing.

00:07:07 Sheila Stearns, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

00:08:19 Bruce Marks, Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program (MGSLP)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:08:57 Mary Phippen, Montana Magistrates Association

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**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:14:13 Sen. Zinke

00:14:42 Sen. Keane

00:14:54 Nick Scott

00:15:50 Sen. Zinke

00:15:59 Nick Scott

00:16:19 Sen. Zinke

00:16:30 Nick Scott

00:17:15 Sen. Ripley

00:17:48 Sen. Keane

00:18:02 Sen. Ripley

00:18:14 Sen. Keane

00:18:46 Sen. Branae

00:19:02 Bruce Marks

00:19:51 Sen. Branae

00:20:00 Bruce Marks

00:20:12 Chairman Laible

00:20:20 Sen. Keane

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:20:28 Sen. Keane

**HEARING ON SJ 25**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:21:59 Sen. Jim Peterson (R), SD 15, opened the hearing on SJ 25, Urge interim study of rural-urban issues and institute.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:31:54 Bill Johnston, University of Montana

00:32:11 Sheila Stearns

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:32:30 Sen. Brown

00:33:18 Sheila Stearns

00:34:50 Sen. Brown

00:36:07 Sheila Stearns

00:38:04 Sen. Branae

00:38:52 Sen. Peterson

00:41:16 Sen. Branae

00:41:28 Sen. Peterson

00:45:00 Sen. Branae

00:45:18 Sen. Peterson

00:45:22 Sen. Branae

00:45:35 Sen. Peterson

00:47:02 Sen. Hawks

00:47:18 Sen. Peterson

00:48:37 Sen. Hawks

00:51:18 Sen. Peterson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:52:13 Sen. Peterson

**CONTINUATION OF HEARING ON SJ 12**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:54:38 Sen. Rick Laible (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SJ 12, Approve Bitterroot valley community college.

**Proponents' Testimony:** Previously heard on 2/11/2009.

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[EXHIBIT](#)(eds36a03)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:55:20 Mary Sheehy Moe, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

[EXHIBIT](#)(eds36a04)

01:08:02 Sheila Stearns

01:14:37 Mick Robinson, Montana University System

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01:23:36 Erik Burke, MEA-MFT

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:25:37 Sen. Zinke  
01:25:58 Mary Sheehy Moe  
01:26:06 Sen. Zinke  
01:26:25 Mary Sheehy Moe  
01:27:30 Sen. Zinke  
01:28:21 Mary Sheehy Moe  
01:29:09 Sen. Hawks  
01:29:56 Mick Robinson  
01:31:47 Sen. Hawks  
01:32:11 Mick Robinson  
01:32:25 Sen. Brown  
01:33:25 Mary Sheehy Moe  
01:34:15 Sen. Brown  
01:34:30 Mary Sheehy Moe  
01:35:07 Sen. Hawks  
01:35:30 Mary Sheehy Moe  
01:36:23 Sen. Hawks  
01:36:27 Mary Sheehy Moe  
01:36:31 Sen. Zinke  
01:37:40 Mary Sheehy Moe

01:38:27 Sen. Zinke  
01:38:51 Mary Sheehy Moe  
01:40:10 Sen. Zinke  
01:40:22 Mary Sheehy Moe  
01:40:28 Sen. Hawks  
01:41:09 Mick Robinson  
01:41:55 Sen. Hawks  
01:42:17 Mick Robinson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:42:36 Chairman Laible

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:06 P.M.

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([eds36aad.pdf](#))**